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Quinine: An Inexpensive Chiral Solvating Agent for the Determination of Enantiomeric Composition of Binaphthyl Derivatives and Alkylarylcarbinols by NMR Spectroscopy

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When nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy is employed for determining enantiomeric compositions of organic compounds,^{1,2} the presence of an external chiral auxiliary is required so that originally enantiotopic nuclei become diastereotopic. The chiral auxiliary can convert the enantiomers of the substrate either to stable¹ diastereoisomeric derivatives (e.g., as does α -(trifluoromethyl)- α -methoxyphenylacetyl chloride, Mosher reagent) or to nonisolable diastereoisomeric solvates,² when a chiral solvating agent like 2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(9-anthryl)ethanol (Pirkle's reagent) is employed. Disadvantages of some of the commonly employed chiral auxiliaries are that they are often expensive or, in the case of formation of the stable diastereoisomeric derivatives, chemical manipulations are required which can be tedious and time consuming. Moreover, one must be concerned with the enantiomeric purity of the reagent.³ Therefore, the development of an easily available and inexpensive optically pure chiral solvating agent (CSA) to be used for NMR evaluation of enantiomeric excesses is a desirable goal.

The complex chemical structure of quinine (a secondary alcoholic group, two basic nitrogen atoms, a heteroaromatic system) makes this molecule capable of interacting with the optical antipodes of many organic compounds and of being of potential utility as a CSA. In fact, it has been already observed⁴ that the proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra of (-)-dihydroquinine and racemic dihydroquinine are clearly different, suggesting that this molecule can generate its own NMR nonequivalence. More recently,⁵ this indication found a strong support: diastereoisomeric solvates can be formed by interaction of

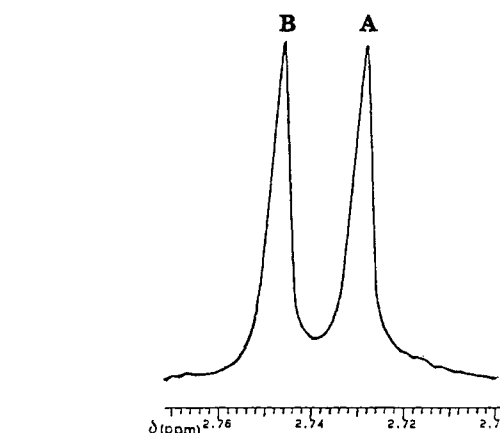


Figure 1. ¹H NMR resonances of methyl protons of NHMe groups of adducts (A and B) formed by racemic 8 with quinine (300 MHz, CDCl₃).

quinine with binaphthyl derivatives, and the structure of these can be studied by NMR spectroscopy. Therefore, the idea originated of employing such compounds (general formula I, Chart I) for testing the use of quinine as a chiral solvating agent. The investigation was extended to alkylarylcarbinols (general formula II, Chart I), considering that they have been successfully separated⁷ in enantiomers by means of a silica-supported quinine chiral stationary phase.

The substrates we have investigated are the binaphthyl derivatives 1-8 and alkylarylcarbinols 9-14. ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR spectra of mixtures of quinine and the above compounds were recorded in CDCl₃ at 300 and 282 MHz respectively. The results obtained and the experimental conditions employed are summarized in Table I.

In all cases examined, the signal separations obtained are great enough to allow one to carry out the enantiomeric excess (ee) determinations. In Figure 1 is reported the region of the ¹H NMR spectrum of 8, relative to the resonance of methyl protons of the NHMe groups. Compounds such as binaphthyl monoalkyl ethers (compounds 1, 2, and 6) as well as compounds 3 and 8 are particularly suitable for these measurements because they contain groups that serve as sensitive probes for magnetic nonequivalence: the signals stemming from these groups give rise to appreciable separations of signals of (formerly) enantiotopic groups in the presence of quinine. In compounds that are originally devoid of such reporter groups, simple derivatization (e.g., treatment with acyl chloride) may introduce the necessary probe for ee determinations via NMR measurements. Compounds 4, 5, and 7 exemplify such derivatives on which it is possible to carry out measurements of enantiomeric purity. For 5, measurement at lower temperature is necessary to provide adequate signal splitting, which in general increases as temperature is lowered. In general, the ee of binaphthol derivatives which do not contain reporter groups can be determined

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Table I. Chemical Shifts^a of Some NMR Signals of Adducts (A and B) Formed by Racemic 1–8 (General Formula I) and 9–14 (General Formula II) with Quinine^b (CDCl₃, 25 °C)

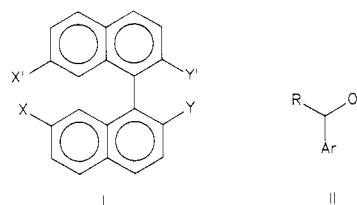
	X	X'	Y	Y'	R	Ar	resolved signals	A	B	T, °C
1	H	H	OH	OMe			Me	3.69	3.76	25
2	H	H	OH	O <i>i</i> Pr			Me Me' CH	0.80 0.94 4.20	0.84 0.97 4.28	25 25 25
3	OMe	OMe	OH	OH			Me	3.47	3.52	25
4	H	H	OH	OCOMe			Me	1.76	1.77	25
5	H	H	OH	OCO- <i>t</i> -Bu			<i>t</i> -Bu	0.67	0.69	-50
6	H	H	OH	OCH ₂ CH=CH ₂			CH ₂	4.29	4.43	25
7	H	H	NH ₂	NHCOMe			Me	1.80	1.81	25
8	H	H	NHMe	NHMe			Me	2.73	2.75	25
9					Me	Ph	Me	1.38	1.39	25
10					<i>t</i> -Bu	<i>p</i> -OMeC ₆ H ₄	<i>t</i> -Bu	0.78	0.80	-50
11					CF ₃	9-anthryl	CF ₃	15.69 ^c	15.76 ^c	25
12					Me	2-thienyl	CH	5.05	5.07	25
13					<i>i</i> -Pr	1-naphthyl	Me	0.62	0.63	-50
							Me'	0.95	0.97	-50
14					CH ₂ OH	<i>m</i> -MeC ₆ H ₄	Me	2.20	2.22	25

^a¹H and ¹⁹F NMR chemical shifts are referred to TMS and CFC1₃ respectively as internal standards. ^bExperiments have been carried out by mixing 5–10 mg of the sample with a threefold excess of quinine in CDCl₃. For compounds 1–8, no significant variations of the chemical shifts of the reporter group were observed in the range of molar ratios from 1:1 up to 1:3. ^c¹⁹F NMR chemical shifts.

simply by converting the compound to the monoacetate and obtaining the NMR spectrum in the presence of quinine.

The enantiomers of simple alkylarylcarbinols such as 9–14 exhibit different chemical shifts when mixed with quinine. The ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of a mixture of 11 and quinine shows clear separation of the fluorine signals of each antipode, and the ee of this compound can be easily evaluated.

The above data indicate that quinine can be conveniently used as a CSA for the determination of enantiomeric purities of binaphthyl derivatives and alkylarylcarbinols via NMR, simply by adding to the solution of the antipodes an excess of quinine in a NMR tube. The measurements can be carried out quickly because no chemical reactions have to be carried out. The major advantage of quinine over other commercially available chiral solvating agents can certainly be found in the cost.⁸ In principle, a disadvantage of the quinine technique could be the complexity of the quinine NMR spectrum, with possible overlap of signals in the regions of interest (this could be particularly true if a comparison with Pirkle's CSA is made). However, it is important to point out that in all the cases examined no such overlap has been observed, allowing then an easy determination of enantiomeric excesses. It is also noteworthy that binaphthyl derivatives are largely employed as chiral ligands⁹ in some efficient enantioselective reactions, while alkylarylcarbinols are often products of asymmetric processes; therefore, an inexpensive and simple method for determining their enantiomeric purity could be extremely useful to the synthetic organic chemist. In addition, these results represent a further use in organic chemistry of quinine, a compound that has been successfully employed as classical resolving agent,¹⁰ chiral auxiliary in both catalytic¹¹ and stoichiometric asymmetric synthesis,¹² and very recently, in the

Chart I

preparation of chiral stationary phases^{6,7} for the liquid chromatographic separation of enantiomers.

Experimental Section

Preparation of Compounds. Compounds 9 and 11 were commercial samples from Aldrich and used without further purification. Compounds 1, 2, and 6 were prepared by alkylation of binaphthol (Fluka, Buchs, CH) with the suitable alkyl halide following a known procedure¹³ while 4 and 5 have been obtained by treatment of binaphthol with acetyl chloride or pivaloyl chloride, respectively, in methylene chloride as solvent. Compound 3 has been obtained by a copper–benzylamine-catalyzed coupling of 2-hydroxy-7-methoxynaphthalene, following Brussee and Jansen.¹⁴ Compounds 7 and 8 were prepared by means of the procedure of Miyano et al.¹⁵ The synthesis of 10 has been described elsewhere.⁷ Compound 12 has been prepared by acetylation of thiophene and successive reduction of the ketone with NaBH₄. Compound 13 was obtained by addition of *i*-PrMgCl to 1-naphthaldehyde and successive hydrolysis. Compound 14 was prepared by the asymmetric stoichiometric osmylation of *m*-methylstyrene following the procedure described by Sharpless.¹⁶ Elemental analyses and the NMR spectra were consistent with the expected structures.

NMR Measurements. The NMR measurements were performed on a Varian VXR-300 spectrometer operating at 300 MHz for ¹H and 282 MHz for ¹⁹F, in CDCl₃ as solvent. The temperature was controlled (accuracy ±1 °C) by the Varian control unit.

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Metal Catalysis in Oxidation by Peroxides.¹ A ¹⁷O NMR Spectroscopic Investigation of Neutral and Anionic Molybdenum Peroxo Complexes

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In connection with our interest² in the mechanism of metal-catalyzed oxidations³ of various organic substrates with peroxides and, in particular, in the structure of the peroxo species involved, we have undertaken a ¹⁷O NMR investigation of a series of neutral⁴ and anionic^{1,5} molybdenum (VI)-oxodiperoxo complexes. The broad scope of ¹⁷O NMR spectroscopy as a structural probe is well known.⁶ As an example, this technique has been successfully applied to the study of polyoxo anions of the early transition elements in solution⁶ and quantitative correlations have been established.^{6,7} In particular, a chemical shifts scale for molybdenum-bound oxygens has been constructed.⁶ More recently, ¹⁷O NMR investigations of oxo, peroxo, and superoxo derivatives of V, Cr, Mo, W, Fe, Ir, and Pt have been reported in the literature.⁸⁻¹⁰

Neutral molybdenum-peroxo complexes of the type MoO(O₂)₂L (L = HMPT, DMF, Py, etc.) oxidize nucleophilic substrates such as alkenes or sulfides both in protic and aprotic solvent via an electrophilic peroxo oxygen transfer mechanism,^{2,3} whereas they are rather unreactive toward alcohols.

By contrast, anionic molybdenum-peroxo complexes of the type [MoO(O₂)₂PIC]⁻Bu₄N⁺ (PIC = picolinic acid anion) or [MoO(O₂)₂PICO]⁻Bu₄N⁺ (PICO = picolinic acid N-oxido anion),¹ soluble in aprotic solvents owing to the

Table I. ¹⁷O NMR Chemical Shifts of the Oxo Resonance of Various Oxo-Diperoxo Mo(VI) Complexes

complex	δ (natural) ^a	δ (enriched)	lit. ⁸
MoO(O ₂) ₂ HMPT	840 (DCE)	846 (DCE) ^b	863 ^d
	857 (CH ₃ CN)	840 (DCE) ^c	
	830 (CH ₂ Cl ₂)	855 (CH ₃ CN) ^c	
MoO(O ₂) ₂ PyO	854 (CH ₃ CN)	854 (CH ₃ CN) ^c	897 ^d
MoO(O ₂) ₂ Py		865 (CH ₃ CN) ^c	
[MoO(O ₂) ₂ PIC] ⁻ Bu ₄ N ⁺	844 (DCE)	847 (DCE) ^b	
[MoO(O ₂) ₂ PICO] ⁻ Bu ₄ N ⁺		849 (CH ₃ CN) ^b	
		847 (DCE) ^c	
	834 (DCE)	833 (DCE) ^b	
		836 (CH ₃ CN) ^b	
[MoO(O ₂) ₂ PIC] ⁻ H ₃ O ⁺		834 (DCE) ^c	940 ^d
		843 (CH ₃ CN) ^c	
		840 (CH ₃ CN) ^c	

^a Saturated solution (0.2–0.01 M) of unlabeled peroxo complexes. Signal/noise ≥ 5. ^b Peroxo compounds prepared in H₂O–H₂¹⁷O (10% enrichment Stohler Isotope Chemicals). ^c Saturated solution of unlabeled peroxo complexes after shaking with minute amounts of H₂¹⁷O. ^d Solvent not specified.

presence of the lipophilic cation, readily oxidize primary and secondary alcohols to the corresponding carbonyl compounds.^{1,11} At the same time, their efficiency as electrophilic oxidants is greatly reduced, though not cancelled.¹² In particular, the oxidation of very nucleophilic substrates such as sulfides is still feasible.^{11,12}

The different oxidation chemistry of neutral and anionic peroxo complexes could be accompanied by some difference in the ground-state structure being the localization of the negative charge of the anions a central point. The formation of a peracid-like, end-on complex, such as Mo–O–O⁻, in solution is rather unlikely. Several pieces of evidence discussed in previous papers,^{2,13-15} and even ¹⁷O NMR investigations of the peroxo oxygens,^{8,9} militate against this hypothesis. An alternative possibility, i.e. that the negative charge is mainly located on the Mo=O moiety, giving rise to oxo anions like species such as Mo–O⁻, is, in turn, somehow questioned by the X-ray data available.¹ These, in fact, indicate that in the solid state the Mo–O bond lengths are almost the same either in neutral¹⁶⁻¹⁸ or in anionic species.^{1,5} Indeed the same pentagonal-bipyramid geometry is observed for all the peroxo complexes examined.^{2b} On the other hand, direct information of the situation in solution is lacking. Moreover the ¹⁷O chemical shift might be a more sensitive measure than the bond length. Therefore we have collected the ¹⁷O NMR data presented in Table I.¹⁹

Control experiments by ¹H or ¹³C NMR spectroscopy have confirmed^{1,2,11} that under the experimental conditions adopted the ligands remain coordinated to the metal center.

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